

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 434

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Carmack Boulevard Church of Christ on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of our nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dynamic community of faith is that of Carmack Boulevard Church of Christ in Columbia, whose members will celebrate the church's fiftieth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Carmack Boulevard Church of Christ traces its roots back to 1922, when the congregation first met in the home of Haskin and Alice Hardison at 511 East 8th Street; and

WHEREAS, the church was an outgrowth of the Burn Springs Church of Christ located at the corner of Smith Street and Bridge Street; and

WHEREAS, as the congregation grew, land was purchased on Carmack Boulevard under the leadership of minister Fred Dowell; elders Raymond Cobble, W.P. Kennedy, Boyd Stone, and Winfield Booker; and deacons Alvin Wilson, William Dukes, Charles Webster, Theodore Primm, and William Hopkins; and

WHEREAS, a groundbreaking ceremony was held in the spring of 1970, with the grand opening celebration held on June 6, 1971, welcoming the 200-member congregation to its new home; and

WHEREAS, the Carmack Boulevard Church of Christ was an impressive addition to the south side of Columbia, featuring a worship space that seated over 400 and including a nursery, secretary's office, minister's study, eight classrooms, a kitchen, and a fellowship hall; and

WHEREAS, the current leadership of Carmack Boulevard Church of Christ is continuing the work of seeking the lost, serving the community, and growing together as they reach souls for Christ; and

WHEREAS, ministry efforts have expanded to include the support of a summer camp for school-aged children, an outreach serving the homeless, and the community school, Brown Elementary, and adjoining property has been purchased for the future construction of a multi-purpose and children's ministry space; and

WHEREAS, the church is marking its fiftieth year with the establishment of the Carmack Legacy Scholarship Fund, which will honor family members of the congregation and the church's legacy of supporting education; the scholarship fund is positioned to give thousands of dollars each year in support of young people continuing their education; and

WHEREAS, as the church celebrates fifty years of service, it continues to be a light in the community, and the devout members of the congregation have faithfully striven to carry out God's work in the world; and

WHEREAS, as a powerful tool in the service of the Kingdom of God, Carmack Boulevard Church of Christ is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and nation, and the members of this exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Carmack Boulevard

Church of Christ, thank the good people of this congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.